

C. REMARKS

This application has received a rejection, and applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration by the Examiner in view of this amendment and records supplied herewith.

First, referring to the Official Action of rejection.

Priority

Rights of priority indeed are requested for the subject application, and this is evident from the text of the original introductory paragraph of the specification, as well as from the declaration as originally filed — although the declaration did contain an inadvertent error in the recitation of the application number for the provisional application.

Document #1 herewith is a new original declaration, correcting the inadvertent error in the declaration originally filed.

Please note that an amendment to the specification at the first paragraph is also now supplied so as to recite the fact that the full utility application referred to in the paragraph originally filed is now a patent.

Accordingly, the priority issue raised in the Official Action by the Examiner is believed now completely corrected, and it is respectfully requested that all objections be withdrawn.

(Incidentally, no petition is required simply because the amendments made to

the declaration and the first paragraph of the specification are merely clarifying.)

Double Patenting

Document #3 herewith supplies the terminal disclaimer required. It is submitted that this obviates the rejection based on the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting.

The Prior Art

Documents #4-1 and 4-2 are the copies of references recited in applicant's Information Disclosure Statement and are supplied for the convenience of the Examiner, as per the Examiner's telephone request.

It appears that the Examiner is aware of the fact that the additional prior art made of record by the Official Action does not defeat patentability for applicant, especially in light of the special nature of applicant's stabilizer bar in combination with the other elements of the claiming.

New Claims

New claims 7 through 11 are presented herewith so as to round out protection for applicant's invention. Document #2 is a Supplemental Declaration for the new claims.

It is submitted that the applicant's special shore end support assembly having a transverse footprint stabilizer bar mounted in rigid relationship and in other respects totally different from the prior art presents the subject matter of the new claims in condition for allowance.

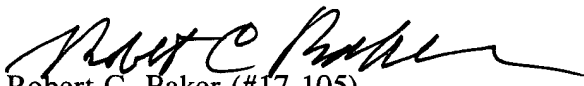
Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that all claims of this case are in condition for allowance, and applicant most respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance for this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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